

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 24 are pending, with Claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 being independent. Claims 1 through 18 and 20 through 24 have been amended.

Claims 1 through 24 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 4,086,567 (Crane, et al.), taken alone or in combination with U.S. Patent Nos. 6,549,675 B2 (Chatterjee) and 5,706,427 (Tabuki). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 11, 21, and 23 variously recites, inter alia, standardizing writing data based on the sampling rate detected by said detecting means (Claim 1) or step (Claims 11, 21, and 23), the sampling rate being detected based on the writing data and time information, wherein the writing data of the detected sampling rate is standardized to the writing data of a predetermined sampling rate.

Claims 10, 20, 22, and 24 recite, inter alia, standardizing writing data based on a detected sampling rate of the coordinate input means, wherein the standardized writing data is the writing data of a predetermined sampling rate.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that none of Crane, et al., Chatterjee, and Tabuki, even in combination, assuming, arguendo, that the documents could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24. The Official Action states at page 2 that Crane, et al.'s col. 7, line 12 through 37 teaches standardizing as claimed. Applicants respectfully traverse this statement. Applicants respectfully submit that said section of

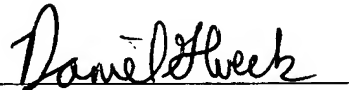
Crane, et al. discloses, e.g., “normalizing” whereby the contents are expanded or decreased until the number of digital samples equals the number of digital samples in the corresponding segment of the template memory (i.e., the number of samples become the same); however, Applicants respectfully submit that neither the foregoing nor the remainder of Crane, et al. provides either a description or a suggestion of standardizing based on the detected sampling rate, with use of a predetermined sampling rate as in the above-discussed claimed features. It is respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the above-discussed claimed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, DC office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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